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This edition of the HLR features a brief review of the minutes of the Spring, 1989 Board of Directors meeting minutes. QCWA Chapter officers are urged to publicize this information among your members, and on your local on-the-air meeting nets. The full minutes of the meeting will be published in the Fall, 1989 QCWA Journal. If you have questions contact any Officer, Director or Headquarters for additional information.

QCWA was handsomely represented at the 75th Anniversary ARRL National Convention held at Arlington, Texas, sponsored by HamCom, of Dallas. The convention had more than 8,700 registered, and meetings and programs were up to their usual excellence. QCWA officials and members of the Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters of QCWA manned the booth which saw many members as well as potential members as visitors. More than 20 new members were signed up during the activities.

On a sad note, QCWA Director Hal Sears, W5NC, passed away quietly in his sleep. Hal served as a QCWA Director and Vice President - was active in QCWA affairs and responsible for much of the growth of QCWA in the Texas/Louisiana region. A true gentleman, Hal will be missed by his friends, world-wide. Hal was born on a farm near the community of Fall River, Kansas in the year 1903.

OF SPECIAL NOTE - The Board has authorized publication of a new membership directory. The directory will include all members in good standing as of December 31, 1989. It will be compiled, printed and distributed free of charge to all domestic members in good standing at the time of publication - expected to be March, 1990. It is most important that all members who may have dropped out be advised of publication of the Directory so that they may have the opportunity of reinstating membership before the deadline date, December 31, 1989. It is our practice to make a permanent electronic record of members in good standing received at the end of the day, December 31 and that, without further change, will constitute the database for publication of the directory!

The Board received the Officers report on the membership opinion poll published in the Winter, 1989 issue of the QCWA Journal. The poll requested member opinion regarding area representation and associate memberships. Balloting in the poll indicated that the majority of members who voted were against making changes in the existing method of electing directors and of having associate memberships. The balloting results are as follows:

Area Representation

For - 277

Against - 397

Associate Memberships

For - 140

Against - 536

OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE! The 1989 Election of Officers and five Directors for QCWA in in progress at this moment. Balloting is progressing well, Canton Ohio Chapter No. 21 is working on tallying the voting. Please advise members to mark their ballot and mail it as quickly as possible. Polls close July 31. Ballots must be in the hands of the tellers by that date! This is an important election!

ABBREVIATED MINUTES, BOARD MEETING

JUNE 5-6, 1989

Quarter Century Wireless Association
June 5 and 6, 1989
Irving, Texas

Meeting called to order by President Leland Smith. All of the Board present except Leo Meyerson and Stuart Meyer. General Manager Ted Heithecker and several nominees, including Harry Dannals, John Swafford, Milton Chaffee, George Apfel, Pete Backstrom and Robert Ray were also in attendance.

A moment of silence was held for Hal Sears, W5NC, who had just become a SK.

The Secretary reported on activities since the last meeting which included Charter approval for:

Gold Coast Chapter # 167
Allentown-Bethlehem # 17
Southern West Virginia # 97
Oregon Trail Chapter # 168
Sacramento Valley # 169

The Board also approved the latest Chapter:

Central Washington # 170

The Treasurer's Report included a new format from the accounting firm which showed a good cash position. The Board complimented Wes Randles for his "prudent handling of the QCWA investment accounts".

Our President reported on a number of items including the booth at the most recent National ARRL convention, our increased number of Chapters, our relationships with ARRL and his participation in the No-Code Committee.

President Smith thanked the Board for all of their help and assistance over the this past two years especially, and a standing ovation was given to President Smith.

The General Manager reported on improvements in Headquarters operation and a number of programming changes which are being made to assist in membership records. A new Laser Printer is needed and that was referred to the Office Equipment Committee.

A special report on the 40th Anniversary Yearbook was given by Dave Talley, W2PF. It appears that we shall shortly have approval of the printing of the Yearbook and if that takes place then we can expect to see a completed draft of the book about the 1st of September.

QCWA Recognition Awards were approved as follows:

John DiBlasi Award: Frank Lester, W4AMJ
Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF
Irving Groves, K4HT
Nat Burnett, K4OL
Moe Joffe, W6PHE
Robert Baird, W9NN

Presidential Awards To:

John Huntoon, W1RW
Walt Maxwell, W2DU

Distinguished Service Plaques to:

Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC
Fred Hammond, VE3HC

Convention plans are about complete for Baton Rouge and the Board was reminded of the 1990 Convention in Kansas City. We are seeking dates and places for 1991 and 1992.

Constitution and By-Laws changes: Several changes to the By-Laws were adopted to facilitate operations of QCWA. These are listed below:

1. Article II, Section 3, add a new sentence following the present wording to read " A member in good standing is one whose dues are current and paid."

2. Article V, Section 1, sentence 4 to be rewritten as follows: "He shall collect monies due the Association and as directed shall deposit them in a QCWA account or turn them over to the Treasurer."

3. Article VI, Section 3, insert a new sentence after the word "slate". : " The Nominating Committee should report to the Secretary and

General Manager by July 31 for approval by the Board and subsequent publication in the next issue of the Journal. The Committee will then be discharged."

4. Article VI, Section 4, change the number "50" to "25" as respects signatures required for a nominating petition.

5. Article V, Section 2, to add a new sentence as follows:

"The General Manager shall, when requested, without prior approval of the Board, supply mailing labels to candidates nominated for a National office. Mailing labels will be supplied at a cost basis as determined by the General Manager."

No action was taken on No-Code until such a time as the League makes a filing with the FCC. Notice was received that the FCC will be issuing a rewrite of Part 97, and that they had dropped PRB-3, the call sign proposal. QCWA is particularly concerned about the dismissal of PRB-3 especially as it applies to that portion concerned with reissuance of previously issued call signs. President Smith appointed a special committee to study this proposal. Lew McCoy, Wes Randles and Jim Walsh are assigned to investigate and report back to the Board.

The Nominating Committee has a number of candidates for the 1990 election and will have their final suggestions to the Board in time for the October meeting at Baton Rouge.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was asked to study some questions pertaining to elections. Some topics suggested are: Should a candidate have prior service on the Board when nominated for one of the top officer positions on the Board and how and when should nominations be announced so that there is adequate time for a petition nomination to be developed.

A special committee was appointed by President Smith to study the scholarship program with special emphasis on developing a guideline to name a scholarship, what the base contribution should be to establish a scholarship now that interest rates are lowering and whether inclusion of multiple names on a scholarship can be accomplished.

A donation from Cresson Dunbar was accepted and a scholarship will be named after him.

The audio cassette for the sight impaired QCWA members is going along very well and we should continue publicity about the program.

The Education Committee presented a comprehensive report which was adopted and will result in development of educational programs for both the young and the older persons interested in Amateur Radio.

The President's report on the recent Poll in the QCWA Journal was presented. The Poll covered area representation and associate membership. The results of both proposals showed that the membership was against making any changes in the existing method of selecting candidates and having associate memberships. The Board adopted the report unanimously.

A proposal to make QCWA vests available to the membership was presented by El Charlton and adopted. Suitable publicity will be given to this project in the QCWA Journal.

A number of letters from members were read and discussed with no action being taken.

The problem of drop-outs was discussed at some length and it is felt that current changes in programming may give us some answers to this problem. A letter to many of the drop-outs has resulted in about 10% replying and renewing their memberships. Another problem is that a large number have changed their addresses and we have not received notification from them. Because of this continuing problem we will ask for address corrections from the Post Office on the next four mailings of the Journal and the ballot for next year's election.

Jack Kelleher suggested special QSL cards to be made available to the membership and will do some more investigation and report back at the next meeting.

It was proposed and adopted that a new Directory be issued in 1990.

The Board expressed their thanks to President Leland Smith for his dedication and service to the Board and QCWA. A standing ovation was given to President Smith.

The Board also expressed their appreciation to Jim Walsh for his outstanding service as Secretary for the past years as this is the last Board meeting for him as Secretary.

Jim Walsh, W7LVN Secretary

LATEST MEMBER TO JOIN QCWA - Roger F. Horenstein, W4EEV, who lives in Marietta, Georgia, was enrolled on June 22, 1989. Roger was first licensed as K1JSH in 1959. His membership number is 22,651.

The Hotline Report is sent to Chapter Officials and to Officers of QCWA. Members may obtain issues of the Hotline Report, as issued, upon payment of \$6 for one year. Write to Headquarters if interested.

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